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ABSTRACT

This bibliography consists of 207 selected references of interest to researchers engaged in algorithmic studies of English monosyllabics so as to be able to predict the parts-of-speech of any English word without regard to semantics. The most significant result of the literature search was to confirm beyond a reasonable doubt that the specific mode of application of the logical-empirical method to the English language by Lockheed researchers, and results obtained, are new and unique. The search covered the period from 1500 A. D. to June 1962.

Search Completed July 1962

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FOREWORD

Linguistic research being conducted by James L. Dolby and Howard Resnikoff has as its central hypothesis that formal algorithmic definitions of written-English word structure elements will allow the prediction of the parts-of-speech of any English word without regard to semantics. One-syllable words were tabulated from recognized dictionaries with notations as to their parts-of-speech. From these, a general definition was formulated that would describe the structural form of any word element that might be productive of English words. These word structure elements are generally of the form CVC, and constitute a class of "words" that include, with trivial exceptions, all monosyllable words of English. The synthetic general form superficially resembles some traditional grammatical, morphological, and linguistic concepts, but is unique because of the logical-empirical method employed in its derivation; the pragmatic tests applied to measure validity; and algorithmic formulation. All possible English "monosyllabic" letter strings occur in this form, and these appear to be fundamental structural elements for English words. Observations, quantified where possible, are made of the parts-of-speech that relate to the different classes of fundamental letter-strings. The products of this research will soon be published by the above named researchers.

This literature search attempted to locate the following:

- 1. Attempts that might have been made to predict parts-of-speech of English words by algorithmic methods.
- 2. Attempts that might have been made to define syllables algorithmically.
- 3. Information on birth and death of words for structural reasons.

- 4. Comprehensive talbes that might exist of English syllables; and of noun or verb declensions.
- 5. Rationalizations that might exist on the relative order of the English alphabet.
- 6. Dictionaries that might relate in any way to the problems in question.
- 7. Any material that might relate to these problems.

Results of this literature search:

- 1. Apparently no attempt to predict parts-of-speech of English words by this precise method has ever been recorded.
- 2. The <u>syllable</u> has oeen amply treated, but it appears that no attempts have heretofore been made to define the English syllable algorithmically.
- 3. Very little has been written on the birth and death of words for structural reasons.
- 4. Apparently no exhaustive lists exist of English syllables nor of noun and verb declensions.
- 5. A few attempts have been made to rationalize the relative order of the English alphabet on other than historical grounds, but apparently this still remains to be done.
- 6. Some dictionaries and other lists of words exist that have been compiled or arranged by some algorithm, but none exist that specifically relate to this study.
- 7. A goodly amount of material exists that is of interest to our researchers. This would include early rhyming dictionaries, and grammars; authoritative compendia on

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